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1. The Soviet First Army (First Far Eastern Army?) is now stationed in the Vladivostok area. The strength and number of component units of the First Army can be broken down as follows:

a. Four rifle divisions, strength approximately	80,000
b. Ten cavalry divisions, strength approximately	73,000
c. Six mechanized divisions (brigades?) strength approximately	30,000
d. Air brigades, strength approximately	24,000

25X1A *[redacted]* Comment: Air brigades (possibly airborne brigades) are detached from the Air Force Command, and are under the command of the Headquarters of the Soviet First Army.

2. The strength of the First Army, approximately 207,000 men, always remains the same. However, the subordinate units under the headquarters of the First Army are continually changed. These component units remain in the Vladivostok area from one to six months, after which time they are assigned to other army commands elsewhere in the USSR.

3. The following army combat and service units are permanently assigned to the Headquarters of the Soviet First Army:

- 39th Rifle Division
- Military District Department
- Intendance Department
- Communications Department
- Communications Warehouse
- Artillery Depot
- Construction Depot (Engineers?)
- Aviation Materials Depot
- Sanitation Materials Depot
- Veterinary Depot

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4. The following rifle divisions were in Vladivostok between May 1947 and May 1948 and were under the command of the Soviet First Army.

59th Rifle Division: Arrived in May 1947 from Iman for garrison duty in Vladivostok. Left in October 1947.

69th Rifle Division: Arrived in Vladivostok in November 1947 from Potikleo (unlocated, possibly Patroki, Bukhta (42°48'N, 132°52'E)) for garrison duty in Vladivostok. Left in December 1947.

42nd Rifle Division: Arrived in January 1948 from Barabash (43°12'N, 131°29'E) for garrison duty in Vladivostok. Left in March 1948.

39th Rifle Division: Arrived in April 1948 from Voroshilov for garrison duty in Vladivostok. This division was in Vladivostok on 15 May 1948.

5. The following air brigades were in Vladivostok between May 1947 and May 1948 and were under the command of the Headquarters of the Soviet First Army:

18th Air Brigade: Arrived in May 1947 from Birobidzhan. Left in July 1947.

51st Air Brigade: Arrived in August 1947 from Spaskoe (unlocated, possibly Spassk). Left in December 1947.

50th Air Brigade: Arrived in January 1948 from Blagoveshchensk. Left in April 1948.

209th Air Brigade: Arrived in May 1948 from Voroshilov. This air brigade was in Vladivostok on 15 May 1948.

6. In addition to the air brigades listed above, long-range air units (bomber units?) arrive in Vladivostok but remain for short periods only. These units are training units and arrive from several points in the USSR.

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